

Update 2013 – Tribal Objective and Related Action Worksheet

The following table represents potential Related Actions, for the Update 2013 Tribal Objective. These are based on discussions from the 2013 Tribal Water Summit, along with items from the Update 2009 Implementation Plan for the Tribal Objective. Which actions should be included for Update 2013? Please consider the following:

- It is recommended that only up to 10 Related Actions should be listed for the objective
- Are the Related Actions Measurable – can we track process over the next 5 years? (Think SMART – Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time bound)
- How well do the Actions Items support the Tribal Objective?

The current (2009) language for the Tribal Objective reads as follows:

**Improve Tribal Water and Natural Resources:
Develop Tribal consultation, collaboration, and
access to funding for water programs and projects
to better sustain Tribal water and natural
resources.**

After identifying the key actions that should move forward over the next five years, the Objective can be re-written or re-worded to better reflect the overarching activities. Any revisions to the wording of the Update 2009 Objectives will need to be reviewed by the Public AC.

Please note:

Action Items #1-11 are from the 2013 Tribal Water Summit discussions.

Action Items #12-22 are from Update 2009, Volume 7 “Implementation Plan” which is available online at:

www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/docs/cwpu2009/0310final/v1c7_implemplan_cwp2009.pdf

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#	Related Actions/Sub-Actions (from 2013 TWS)	Include in Update 2013? (Y/N)
1	The State must develop a policy to recognize Federally-reserved Tribal water rights associated with Federally-reserved Tribal lands, including individual allotments. The Tribal objective cannot be met without addressing water quantity, flows and water quality.	
2	Develop and initiate pilot projects for co-management of resources, characterized by the integration of TEK and western science: develop a request for proposals, identify existing examples of partnerships, launch pilot projects	
3	Develop and conduct training for agencies on Tribal sovereignty, trust responsibilities and cultural sensitivity: develop curriculum with a Tribal working group, establish consistent training protocols for all agencies, initiate trainings	
4	Develop and conduct technical training for Tribes, to increase technical capacity: create a Tribal working group to identify technical needs (including criteria for preferred vendors), establish and begin basic training modules (e.g. Basic Inspector Academy, GIS, advanced technologies – such as LiDAR and satellite imagery, small water systems operations)	
5	Schedule and conduct a BDCP Information Session for Tribes, with an opportunity for comment.	
6	Designate “beneficial uses” that respect and reflect Tribal and cultural uses.	
7	Develop and conduct training on Tribal water rights: work with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation and the State Water Boards to address the laws regarding trust responsibilities and their relationship to Tribal water rights, discuss the implications for different Tribal trust lands (reservations, Rancherias and individual allotments).	
8	Recognize the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: encourage Tribes to adopt a resolution supporting the Declaration, work to have those principles acknowledged and incorporated at a State level.	
9	Enhance Tribal outreach, collaboration and the work of Tribal liaisons: identify and implement strategies to strengthen Tribal involvement in State outreach and engagement approaches, identify options for creating a statewide network of Tribal liaisons to address multiple aspects of Tribal concerns (e.g. legal, policy and local conditions)	
10	Enhance meaningful consultation: encourage and move towards earlier involvement by Tribes, initiate consultation for programmatic decisions – as well as project-level decisions, adjust timelines to allow adequate time to bring items before Tribal councils and leaders, conduct meetings on Tribal lands.	
11	Increase awareness and use of Tribal Ecological Knowledge: document TEK, include Tribes and TEK in establishing baseline resource conditions, aggregate information to protect resources without identifying site locations, look at formal options to share knowledge and information – such as conferences or within processes sponsored by IRWM or Resource Conservation Districts.	

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#	Related Actions/Sub-Actions (from Update 2009, Ch.7 Implementation Plan)	Include in Update 2013? (Y/N)
12	Everyone involved in the Water Plan should share information with California Native American Tribes about how the water planning, management, and projects of State, local, and federal governments, as well as water purveyors, impact and affect California Native American Tribes.	
13	Everyone involved in the Water Plan should share information with California Native American Tribes about State funding that is available for water projects, how California Native American Tribes can apply for the funding, what obstacles they may face in accessing these funds, and how they can influence future funding programs.	
14	California Native American Tribes should use the Water Plan as a stepping stone to ensure their representation and genuine participation in water planning processes throughout California, including those linking water to public health, housing, economic development, and environmental justice.	
15	California Native American Tribes should build a foundation of knowledge and relationships for developing their own long-term water management plans, as well as participating genuinely in regional and local water planning, including Integrated Regional Water Management plans.	
16	California Native American Tribes should shape the content of the Water Plan through a variety of mechanisms, particularly the review of regional reports, resource management strategies, and other materials, and through Tribal and public meetings.	
17	California Native American Tribes should build working relationships and partnerships with relevant State, local and, federal governments, and water purveyors that are based on mutual respect, fairness, honesty, responsibility, and mutual trust.	
18	California Native American Tribes should educate State, local, and federal governments, and water purveyor executives and planners about the historical and ongoing relationships between California Native American Tribes and water, especially cultural and religious practices, including fishing.	
19	California Native American Tribes should propose and clarify how DWR works with California Native American Tribes in State water planning efforts.	
20	California Native American Tribes should build a foundation of knowledge and relationships for hosting a Tribal Water Summit in 2009 that includes the highest level of decision-makers from State, local, and federal governments, and water purveyors.	
21	DWR will place Summit proceedings in the Water Plan's Volume 4, the Reference Guide.	
22	Indigenous communities should be involved in climate change adaptation actions that will directly impact their people, waterways, cultural resources, or lands.	

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27	The Tribal Communication Committee, Tribal Summit Planning Team, or an equivalent Tribal forum should advise the 2013 Water Plan Steering Committee on ways to implement these related actions and the recommendations from the 2009 Tribal Water Summit, and should assist in the preparation of subsequent Tribal water summits.	
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